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ABU DHABI FOR AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS

E. O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MASS KU

SUBJ: 90 MM GUN VEHICLE

1. (S) HOENIG/ PLUMMER HELD SHORT MEETING TODAY WITH CHIEF ARMOR BRANCH, WHO INFORMED THAT GENERAL MUBARAK, C/S KAF IS VERY CONCERNED OVER DEFENSE OF BUBIYAN ISLAND. REPORT ON US ARMORED CAR ABILITY TO SWIM WITHOUT SPECIAL FLOATATION KITS OR PREPARATION APPARENTLY CONVINCED STAFF THAT THIS VEHICLE IS URGENTLY NEEDED. IN ORDER TO PROTECT APC'S ONCE ACROSS KHOR AL-SABIYAH, KA MUST HAVE A WEAPON CAPABILITY TO EXPLOIT POSITION AND DEFEND THERE COMBAT ELEMENTS. THE CADILLAC-GAGE COMPANY 90 MM GUN VEHICLE PROVIDES

THIS CAPABILITY. FOR INFO, THE VEHICLE HERE HAS BEEN SWIMMING BETWEEN MAINLAND AND AMM AL-NEMMEL.

2. (C) UNDERSTOOD HERE THE C- G COMPANY HAS A 90 MM TURRET AVAILABLE IN US WHICH IS PLANNED FOR EVENTUAL SHIPMENT TO THIS AREA FOR DEMONSTRATION. BELIEVE US POSITION ON ENTIRE PROGRAM COULD WELL BE SERVED IF C- G IS PROVIDED ASSISTANCE IN AIR LIFT OF THIS TURRET TO KUWAIT TOGETHER WITH SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION FOR SECRET

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TEST FIRING.

- 3. (C) STRONGLY REQUEST YOU AUTHORIZE ARMY AND AIR FORCE TO EXPEDITE ASSISTANCE IN MOVEMENT OF AMMO AND TURRET AND TO IMPART URGENCY OF REQUIREMENT ON C- G COMPANY, MR. D. KRANKER, WARREN, MICHIGAN. C- G COMPANY REPS HERE HAVE NOTIFIED COMPANY OFFICE THAT THEY ARE NOW READY FOR RECEIPT OF TURRET FOR DEMO. REQUEST ADVISE EQUIPMENT ARRIVAL INFORMATION SOONEST.
- 4. (C) HAVE JUST LEARNED C- G 90 MM GUN NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE. SUGGEST STATE ARRANGE WITH C- G AND MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR DIVERT ONE OF MALAYSIA'S TURRET/ GUN INSTALLATIONS CURRENTLY ON ORDER. MCCLELLAND

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